crores has been detected in the New York Branch of the Bank of India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the names and designations of the operators of the racket and their modus operandi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bank of India has reported that Shri G. C. Kathrani, former Senior Vice-President of its New York branch had in pursuance of a criminal conspiracy with certain borrowers in USA and some unknown officers of the Bank and private parties, misused his official position and granted various credit facilities by exceeding his delegated authority and without ascertaining the financial status of the borrowers and without making required credit assessment including pre-sanction/post sanction inspection.

Insurance Claims of Trawler Owners of Andhra Pradesh

5484. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain trawler owners in Andhra Pradesh have claimed insurance amount on the ground that their trawlers were drowned in the Sea;

(b) if so, the number and amount of such claims made and settled;

(c) whether the Orissa trawlers Owners Association has complained that the trawlers had not actually drowned but were sold to some persons in Orissa; and

(d) if so, whether any inquiry has been made into the complaints; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) GIC have reported that from 1989 onwards a total number of 32 claims for sinking of trawlers have been received by its four subsidiaries. Of these 7 claims have been paid for a total amount of Rs. 44.82 lakhs while 2 claims have been repudiated. The balance 23 claims estimated at an amount of Rs. 2.79 crores are currently under investigation/process.

(c) GIC have reported that no such complaint has been received.

(d) Does not arise.

Bank Deposits in Punjab

5485. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: (a) what is the total amount of deposits in the Banks made in Punjab during 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 and the period ending in March 1994;

(b) the total amount of loans given in Punjab in the aforesaid period to the farmers, big industrialists and Small Scale Industries, and

(c) what was the percentage of deposits and loan given year-wise during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (c) Total deposits and advances of all Scheduled Commercial Bank in Punjab as on last Friday of March 1991, 1992, 1993 and September 1993 (latest available) and also the advance as percentage of total deposits are given below:—

As on the last Friday of	Depposits (Rs. crores)	Advances (Rs. crores)	Advances as % of total Deposits
March 1991	9921.47	4445.79	44.8
March 1992	11063.84	4668.76	42.2
March 1993	12661.11	5383.00	42.5
Sept. 1993	13331.03	5359.43	40.2

(b) Total amount of outstanding advances of Scheduled Commercial Banks against agriculture, industry, Small Scale Industries for the period ending March 1991 and March 1992 (latest available) are given below :—

(Rs. crores)

	March 1991	March 1992
Agriculture	1213.8	1292.69
Industry (large and Medium)	1182.23	1157.76
Small Scale Industry	971.24	981.36

Export Services

5486. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to set up export services facilitation cells at all the 32 local head offices at all the 32 local head offices of the State Bank of India to help and solve the problems of exporters;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, local/head-office-wise;

(c) whether the cells would also assist exporters in matters relating to trade information, export procedure and product selection;

(d) whether Government have proposed to set up such cells in Punjab; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) The State Bank of India (SBI) has reported that it has set up Export Services Facilitation Cells (ESFCs) at all its 13 Local Head Offices. These ESFCs are functioning at Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Bhopal, Lucknow, Patna, Chandigarh, Bangalore, Bhubneshwar and Guwahati.

(c) Yes, Sir. The ESFC is expected to provide general assistance/direction to the approaching exporters in matters like trade information, export procedures, product selection, etc. The cell would also sort out credit related difficulties of the exporters.

(d) and (e) One ESFC has been set up by SBI at its Chandigarh Local Head Office.

Foreign Exchange and Arms Found Along the Borders

5487. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that is recent months huge amounts of foreign money have been found at various places in the border areas including Rs. 1.5 crore in foreign exchange, alongwith arms seized on 12th March, 1992, if so, the details of foreign money detected/seized in 1991, 1992 and the first three months of 1994;

(b) whether it is a fact that hawala transactions have also shown a rising trend in the above period, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether instances maintaining clandestine foreign assests have come to the notice of government and if so, the details thereof and what is the present legal position regarding maintaining foreign account by private citizens ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) Yes Sir, the seizure of foreign exchange on 12-3-94 (and not 12-3-92 as mentioned in the question) was by B.S.F. at Samba Border. Apart from that, foreign exchange equivalent to Rs. 49.622/-, Rs. 2,31,285/- and Rs. 45 lakhs has been seized during the years 1991, 1992 and in January 1994 respectively.

(b) The hawala transaction cases detected during the period are as under :—

Period	Amount (in million US $)
1991-92	43.1
1992-93	24.4
1993-94	98.6